

### **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended claims 14, 23, 26 and 29 as suggested by the Examiner to place all claims in condition for allowance. Applicants make these amendments without prejudice to the right to file a continuation application seeking at least the claim scope of the claims as previously filed in this application.

Applicants submit herewith a supplemental declaration as required by the office action. Finally, Applicants also submit herewith a Petition to Accept a Delayed Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) through (d) and (f), and a check for \$1,370 for the petition fee.

### **CONCLUSION**

Each of claims 1-33 is believed to define patentable subject matter and to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

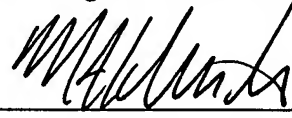
If, after considering this Response, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney, Matthew J. Schmidt, whose telephone number is (248) 689-3500, so immediate consideration can be given to any further amendment suggested by the Examiner or needed to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due with this Response as determined by Patent Office calculations, it is hereby authorized and respectfully requested that any additional fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0852.

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